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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the Midwest, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly about steady. Demand into all channels covered the full range with best interest for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair; supplies of all items were adequate to fully sufficient with some discounting still noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 8/16/04-08/20/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
(Includes branded product)					
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	67.00-72.00	70.74	19	69.19	60
Chicago	66.00-69.00	70.28	43	73.09	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	73.68	26
Denver	84.50	84.38	15	83.53	18
Detroit	68.00-70.00	70.06	18	73.73	48
Los Angeles	85.00	82.84	61	81.01	123
New York	68.00-71.00	69.96	24	71.52	53
Philadelphia	68.50-71.00	69.17	12	69.50	25
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.00	12	75.07	59
St. Louis	70.25-70.50	69.88	22	70.29	43
San Francisco	85.50	84.32	34	87.45	68

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/16/04	Change/Last Wk	08/09/04	08/18/03
598	75.56	-0.41	75.97	63.60

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	74.00-77.00	75.29	33
Central	72.00-79.00	76.17	71
West	68.00-78.00	75.18	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	76.00-80.00	79.31	90
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 80.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,133	66.00-81.75	78.52

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	245.50	1,513
BREASTS - B/S	214.00	5,779
BREASTS - WHOLE	124.00	1,739
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.00	1,132
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	8,244
WINGS	115.50	3,038

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available with boneless-skinless breasts discounted to clear. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate with thighs noted in the longest position. The balance of parts were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best with caution noted. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light with most taking a wait and see attitude for further developments. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Monday's reported levels. Regular commitments reported at unchanged to lower prices for this week's delivery with new negotiations mixed; as heavy weight WOGs traded at unchanged to lower prices and light weights at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Whole body product less than 3 pounds was in the best position and held with renewed confidence, whereas heavy weights often discounted to help stimulate interest. Retailer demand, although best for parts, was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading reported for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32 and 4/10s 31.5-32, boneless thigh meat 77-90, boneless leg meat 67-75, bone-in breast 119-140 and boneless 158-180. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 69.52 up .58 with the volume reported at 33 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole fryers was about steady, some indicating a weak undertone. Offerings were moderate for the limited trade interest. Movement covered the full range into all channels; mostly light overall with better demand into fairs and fast food. Floor stocks were manageable, weights desirable to heavy. Offerings of parts were sufficient with boneless/skinless breasts adequate, bone-in breasts and leg quarters fully adequate, and wings varied. Trade sentiment was about steady on wings and leg quarters, steady to barely steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the week and was generally unaggressive. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to available for the generally light buyer interest.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	70-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	70.94
NO. OF BOXES	10,046

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to fairly good over the weekend, but noted as light to fair at best entering the week. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate and bone-in breasts were slightly more available. Thighs were readily available at discounted levels. The balance of parts were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was unaggressive. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and cautious on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	178.52	559,170
TENDERLOINS	205-210	205.56	41,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	111-112	119.95	120,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	113.48	134,560
LEGS	48-49	41.84	374,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.67	340,725
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	36.86	154,062
THIGHS	31-32	40.07	104,271
B/S THIGHS	85-86	79.37	71,900
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	102.04	132,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	32,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.03	12,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.68	17,240

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,513	155.00-243.00	170-178	177.52
TENDERLOINS	403	188.00-230.00	-	206.96
BREAST - WITH RIBS	141	90.00-128.00	-	106.37
FRONT HALVES	329	85.00-127.00	-	92.64
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,152	24.00-30.00	26-27	26.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,212	27.00-31.00	27-30	27.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	540	92.00-106.00	105-106	104.75
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,365	25.00-42.00	26-27	26.38

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	08/16	08/12	08/12	08/09	08/05
Alabama	4,119	4,012	5.22	4,000	5.09
Arkansas	5,492	5,434	5.03	5,352	4.97
Delmarva	2,234	2,235	5.57	2,282	5.58
KY-LA-TN	2,139	2,106	5.01	1,971	4.93
Mississippi	3,074	3,076	5.47	2,531	5.36
North Carolina	2,551	2,455	6.37	2,453	6.24
Texas	2,443	2,496	5.05	2,538	5.10
Total	22,052	21,814	5.33	21,127	5.26
Mon	22,052(A)			21,127(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Aug 2004 is estimated to be 32,992,000 up 4.07 percent from a week ago. and up 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,703,000 last year 32,181,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	575	150.00-230.00	155-160	158.15
TENDERLOINS	243	190.00-245.00	190-195	197.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	113.00-132.00	114-118	117.49
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	78	33.00-54.00	35-37	37.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	27.00-35.00	28-29	28.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	95.00-112.00	95-97	98.85
WINGS (CUT)	340	110.00-119.00	117-119	117.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUG 16, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00 - 60.00	55.08	58.72

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF AUG 16 - 20-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	170.00 - 205.00	175.00 - 180.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	109.00 - 130.50	113.00 - 116.00
LEGS	40.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.50 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 44.00	-
THIGHS	32.00 - 44.50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	88.00 - 113.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100.75-104.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.25-108.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-109
	DRY PACK 110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	170-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

13-AUG-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	16.50-18.50	19.00-22.00	1,060,000	780,000	
WTD AVERAGE	17.30	21.57			
15-20%					
RANGE	16.50-22.00	15.00-20.00	2,780,000	1,820,000	
WTD AVERAGE	18.11	17.33			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	17.00	200,000	-	
WTD AVERAGE		17.00			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-10.75	10.32
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

13-AUG-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	18.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE			18.00		
15-20%					
RANGE	13.75-18.00	11.50-17.00	2,694,000	1,572,000	
WTD AVERAGE	15.51	13.46			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.75	9.5-10.5	10.49

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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